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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY GHASSAN TUEINI

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1. GHASSAN TUEINI LEFT LEBANON DEC 13 VIA AIR FRANCE FOR PARIS. HE WILL FLY TO NEW YORK ON AIR FRANCE 077, ARRIVING 1500 DEC 14 AND IS BOOKED ON EASTERN FLIGHT 09, ARRIVING WASHINGTON 1855 SAME DAY (PRESUMABLY AT NATIONAL AIRPORT). HE WILL CONSEQUENTLY NOT BE SEEING AMBASSADOR BUFFUM IN NEW YORK AT THIS TIME BUT WILL BE GOING TO NEW YORK AT A LATER DATE (PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR BUFFUM ACCORDINGLY).

2. TUEINI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS 19-YEAR OLD SON, GIBRAN, AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF HIS OFFICIAL PARTY:
1) AMBASSADOR ISSAM HAIDAR (SHIA), DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAS LAST LEBANESE AMBASSADOR DACCA. ENGLISH LIMITED; 2) GEORGE ZOGHBY (CHRISTIAN), CHIEF OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF PLAN. CAREER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WITH ENGINEERING DEGREE. ENGLISH LIMITED;
3) SAMI AWAR (DRUZE). AWAR IS AN ECONOMIST WHO FORMERLY WORKED FOR THE IBRD OR IMF IN WASHINGTON. ALSO HAD HIS OWN ECONOMIC CONSULTANT FIRM IN CALIFORNIA AND, BEFORE THE TROUBLES HERE, WAS A MEMBER OF CONSULTING FIRM IN BEIRUT. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND KNOWS U.S. WELL.

3. DR. REMY SHAMI (CHRISTIAN), THE REMAINING MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, WILL BE LEAVING HOPEFULLY TOMORROW AND
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WILL JOIN GROUP IN WASHINGTON. SHAMI IS DIRECTOR

GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING, IS BOTH ENGINEER AND ECONOMIST AND A CAREER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. ENGLISH REPORTED GOOD.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE TUEINI AND THE DELEGATION WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON BUT HIS OFFICE HERE IS MAKING RESERVATIONS.

5. TUEINI IS NOT PROTOCOL CONSCIOUS PER SE BUT IS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT SARKIS FOR THIS MISSION AND WILL EXPECT TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISING NEW YORK CUSTOMS TO EXTEND ALL APPROPRIATE COURTESIES. IT WOULD BE EQUALLY APPRECIATED IF SOMEONE (PERHAPS NAT HOWELL) COULD MEET HIM AT THE AIRPORT IN WASHINGTON.

6. TUEINI MAY STAY IN THE US UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS AND EXPECTED THAT HIS WIFE NADIA AND HIS OTHER CHILD WILL JOIN HIM EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK. HOUGHTON

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